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DOMESTIC SECTION 214 APPLICATIONS FILED FOR THE TRANSFER OF CONTROL OF FLORIDA HEARING AND TELEPHONE CORPORATION AND KENTCKY HEARING AND TELEPHONE CORPORATION TO GLENDA SUE HARVISON

STREAMLINED PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED

WC Docket No. 13-293

Comments Due: January 22, 2014

Reply Comments Due: January 29, 2014

On November 18, 2013, Florida Hearing and Telephone Corporation (Florida Hearing), Kentucky Hearing and Telephone Corporation (Kentucky Hearing), Brooks Rule, and Glenda Sue Harvison (collectively, Applicants) filed applications pursuant to section 63.03 of the Commission's rules¹ to transfer control of Florida Hearing and Kentucky Hearing from Mr. Rule to Ms. Harvison.

Florida Hearing, a Florida corporation, is certificated as a competitive local exchange carrier (LEC) in Florida. Kentucky Hearing, a Kentucky corporation, is certificated as a competitive LEC in Kentucky. Both companies are 100 percent by Mr. Rule, a U.S. citizen. Applicants state that Ms. Harvison, a U.S. citizen, wholly owns GS Texas Ventures, LLC, which has applied for certification as a competitive LEC in Texas.²

Pursuant to the terms of the proposed transactions, Ms. Harvison will acquire 100 percent ownership of Florida Hearing and Kentucky Hearing. Applicants assert that the proposed transactions are entitled to presumptive streamlined treatment under section 63.03(b)(2)(i) of the Commission's rules and that a grant of the applications will serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity.³

Domestic Section 214 Applications Filed for the Transfer of Control of Florida Hearing and Telephone Corporation and Kentucky Hearing and Telephone Corporation to Glenda Sue Harvison, WC Docket No. 13-293 (filed Nov 18, 2013).

¹ 47 C.F.R § 63.03; see 47 U.S.C. § 214. Applicants filed a supplement to their domestic section 214 applications on January 1, 2014.

² Applicants further state that Ms. Harvison wholly owns GS Iowa Ventures, LLC, which is in the process of acquiring a small incumbent LEC in Iowa but has not yet done so.

³ 47 C.F.R. § 63.03(b)(2)(i).

GENERAL INFORMATION

The transfer of control identified herein has been found, upon initial review, to be acceptable for filing as a streamlined application. The Commission reserves the right to return any transfer application if, upon further examination, it is determined to be defective and not in conformance with the Commission's rules and policies. Pursuant to section 63.03(a) of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR § 63.03(a), interested parties may file comments **on or before January 29, 2014.** Pursuant to section 63.52 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.52, commenters must serve a copy of comments on the Applicants no later than the above comment filing date. Unless otherwise notified by the Commission, the Applicants may transfer control on the 31st day after the date of this notice.⁴

Pursuant to section 63.03 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR § 63.03, parties to this proceeding should file any documents in this proceeding using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS): http://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/ecfs2/.

In addition, e-mail one copy of each pleading to each of the following:

- 1) Tracey Wilson, Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, tracey.wilson@fcc.gov;
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- 3) Jim Bird, Office of General Counsel, jim.bird@fcc.gov.

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⁴ Such authorization is conditioned upon receipt of any other necessary approvals from the Commission in connection with the proposed transaction.

⁵ 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200 et seq.

For further information, please contact Tracey Wilson at (202) 418-1394 or Jodie May at (202) 418-0913.